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## **Governor Brewer Announces New Directors of Weights and Measures; Fire, Building and Life Safety**

PHOENIX - Governor Jan Brewer today named Mr. Kevin P. Tyne as Director of the Arizona Department of Weights and Measures, and Mr. Gene Palma as Director of the Arizona Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety. Mr. Palma, who has been serving as Director of Weights and Measures since February of 2009, will transition over to lead the Fire, Building, and Life Safety Department, and Mr. Tyne will replace him as the new Director of Weights and Measures.

"I am very pleased to have these well known and highly-experienced administrators as members of my cabinet," said Governor Brewer. "Both of these nominees have strong backgrounds in senior management and will serve the citizens of Arizona well."

Prior to his service as an advisor to the Republican Governor's Association, Mr. Tyne was Chief of Staff in 2009 to Governor Jan Brewer. He previously served as Deputy Secretary of State for then-Secretary Brewer, and as Brewer's Chief of Staff when she was a Maricopa County Supervisor. Tyne worked for eleven years in Washington, DC, first with Senator Bob Dole's presidential campaign and later on Capitol Hill for eight years as the legislative director for Congresswoman Susan Molinari (R-New York).

Mr. Tyne received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Southern California, and resides with his wife in Phoenix.

Prior to his service as Director of Weights and Measures, Mr. Palma served for six years as Director of the Business Services Divisions in the Secretary of State's Office. He previously worked as an attorney at Lieberman, Dodge, Gerding & Anderson, Ltd., where he represented private sector management in the areas of business contracts, dispute resolution, arbitration, mediation and litigation, as well as human resource and labor matters. He also represented several Fortune 500 companies, as well as local entities, as co-counsel for such corporations as Walgreens, Baxter International, Harkins Theaters and the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Mr. Palma received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Arizona State University, where he later earned his Masters of Public Administration, Masters of Business Administration and

Juris Doctor, with an emphasis in business law. He resides in Scottsdale with his wife and three children.

Mr. Palma replaces Director Bob Barger, who has accepted a position as Arizona State Fire Marshal. Mr. Barger was born and raised in Phoenix. He and his wife have 4 children. Mr. Barger graduated from Phoenix College, joined the United States Army in 1967 and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He joined the Phoenix Fire Department in 1970, and retired as Deputy Fire Chief in 1998 after 28 years with department. He has been at the Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety since September of 2005.

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